**Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development**

**Launch Minnesota SBIR-STTR Matching Grant Program**

 **Business Eligibility Checklist**

**Before completing a Launch Minnesota SBIR-STTR Matching Grant Application, a business should complete this checklist to determine whether it meets the program’s eligibility requirements. If a business can answer “Yes” to each question, it *may* be eligible to apply for a matching grant.**

1. The primary business activity is an innovative technology or an innovative [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

business model or product?

* Does it provide a novel solution to a problem? (e.g., new way to detect cancer) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does it have a strong value proposition that sets it apart from competitors

and/or is not currently available in the market? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* Is it scalable for rapid growth (not dependent on people or locations)? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is it attractive to private investors? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
1. The business **NOT** engaged in an ineligible activity1? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
2. The business is headquartered in Minnesota? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
3. The business’s operations are in Minnesota? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
4. The business has registered and been accepted in the Minnesota SBIR/STTR [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

 (MNSBIR) Accelerator program?

1. The business is a Federal SBIR/STTR first time Phase 1 or Phase 2 awardee. [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
2. The Federal award was made on or after July 1, 2022 and has a minimum of 120 days [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

remaining in the project period at the time of the application?

1. The business is in Good Standing Status with the Minnesota [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Secretary of State?

1 Ineligible businesses include those whose primary activity includes real estate development, insurance, banking, lending, lobbying, political consulting, information technology consulting, wholesale or retail trade, leisure, hospitality, transportation, construction, ethanol production from corn, or professional services provided by attorneys, accountants, business consultants, physicians, or health care consultants. Also ineligible are locally based retail, lifestyle, or business services businesses.